Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 2228, With an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2228

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 28, 2017

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana (for herself, Mrs. DEMINGS, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. REICHERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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A BILL

To provide support for law enforcement agency efforts to protect the mental health and well-being of law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

1   *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4   This Act may be cited as the "Law Enforcement

5 Mental Health and Wellness Act of 2017".

1 **SEC. 2. SUPPORT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.**

2   (a) INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION.—The Attorney

3 General shall consult with the Secretary of Defense and

4 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress

5 a report, which shall be made publicly available, on De-

6 partment of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs

7 mental health practices and services that could be adopted

8 by Federal, State, local, or tribal law enforcement agen-

9 cies.

10   (b) CASE STUDIES.—The Director of the Office of

11 Community Oriented Policing Services shall submit to

12 Congress a report—

13   (1) that is similar to the report entitled

14   "Health, Safety, and Wellness Program Case Stud-

15   ies in Law Enforcement" published by the Office of

16   Community Oriented Policing Services in 2015; and

17   (2) that focuses on case studies of programs de-

18   signed primarily to address officer psychological

19   health and well-being.

20   (c) PEER MENTORING PILOT PROGRAM.—Section

21 1701(b) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets

22 Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10381(b)) is amended—

23   (1) in paragraph (21), by striking "; and" and

24   inserting a semicolon;

25   (2) in paragraph (22), by striking the period at

26   the end and inserting "; and"; and

1   (3) by adding at the end the following:

2   ''(23) to establish peer mentoring mental health

3   and wellness pilot programs within State, tribal, and

4   local law enforcement agencies.''.

5 SEC. 3. SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS.

6   The Attorney General, in coordination with the Sec-

7 retary of Health and Human Services, shall develop re-

8 sources to educate mental health providers about the cul-

9 ture of Federal, State, tribal, and local law enforcement

10 agencies and evidence-based therapies for mental health

11 issues common to Federal, State, local, and tribal law en-

12 forcement officers.

13 SEC. 4. SUPPORT FOR OFFICERS.

14   The Attorney General shall—

15   (1) in consultation with Federal, State, local,

16   and tribal law enforcement agencies—

17   (A) identify and review the effectiveness of

18   any existing crisis hotlines for law enforcement

19   officers;

20   (B) provide recommendations to Congress

21   on whether Federal support for existing crisis

22   hotlines or the creation of an alternative hotline

23   would improve the effectiveness or use of the

24   hotline; and

1   (C) conduct research into the efficacy of

2   an annual mental health check for law enforce-

3   ment officers;

4   (2) in consultation with the Secretary of Home-

5 land Security and the head of other Federal agencies

6 that employ law enforcement officers, examine the

7 mental health and wellness needs of Federal law en-

8 forcement officers, including the efficacy of expand-

9 ing peer mentoring programs for law enforcement

10 officers at each Federal agency;

11   (3) ensure that any recommendations, re-

12 sources, or programs provided under this Act protect

13 the privacy of participating law enforcement officers;

14 and

15   (4) not later than one year after the date of en-

16 actment of this Act, submit a report to Congress

17 containing findings from the review and research

18 under paragraphs (1) and (2), and final rec-

19 ommendations based upon those findings.